IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF
ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D.S.R. VARMA
And
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.SWAROOP REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO. 27400 OF 1995

Dated: 30th June, 2006

Between:

Mrs. P. Chase

Petitioner

AND

The General Manager,
South Central Railway,
Secunderabad and two others

Respondents

ORAL ORDER:
(Per the Hon'ble Sri Justice D.S.R. Varma)

Consequent upon receipt of a letter dated 21.10.1995 from the Assistant Registrar, Public Interest Litigation Cell, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, forwarding petition of Mrs. P. Chase, the petitioner herein,

dated 23.05.1995, this Writ Petition is registered.

The petitioner was the wife of Mr. Oscar Chase, Mail Guard, in Vijayawada Railway Division, who died on 27.7.1965 while in service. It is stated by the wife of the deceased – employee, in the said petition, that after twenty five years of her husband's death, ex-gratia was granted by the Railway authorities, but could not be paid to her for want of P.F. Number and other service particulars.

When this matter has come up for hearing before this court, this court, entertained a doubt as to whether the petitioner was alive inasmuch as the writ petition is posted for hearing after a long time. Consequently, in order to confirm whether the claimant was alive or not, we directed the Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Vijaywada, to verify and report to this court, whether the petitioner was available at the given address. Accordingly the Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Vijayawada, after causing enquiry through Nazarath of the said court and also through the Inspector of Police, Satyanarayanapuram, Vijayawada, submitted a report, enclosing necessary statements of the persons who caused enquiries, stating that the petitioner by name Mrs. P. Chase, expired during the year 1999.

Having regard to the fact that the petitioner had already expired, nothing survives in the writ petition for adjudication.

Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed. No order as to costs.

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D.S.R. Varma, J.

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P.Swaroop Reddy, J

June 30, 2006
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